

**Transition:**

Jesus and His disciples were having their Last Supper together where He would discuss the importance of communion and service. Not long after, Jesus would be betrayed, arrested and put through a sham of a trial in which the Jewish leaders would accuse Him of blasphemy. And though Jesus committed no sin and no blasphemy, He sentenced to die.

**Tell the story:**

Tell the story (with passion!) Do the best you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

**Rebuild the Story:**

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. If Jesus didn't do anything wrong, why did He have to die?
2. Is the resurrection of Christ historically verifiable?
3. What are the consequences of Jesus not rising from the dead?

**Fundamental:**

The Love of God - "Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God"(I Pet. 3:18)."We do see Jesus, who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone" (Heb. 2:9)."In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace" (Ep. 1:7). The greatest display of God's love was at the cross. We are saved by grace through faith because we all deserve the eternal death that we discussed last week. But the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. What is love? (Matt 5:44-45; 1 John 3:16-17)
2. Whom does God love? (Matt 3:17; John 14:21; John 17:23-24; Rom 5:6-8)
3. How does the love of God manifest itself? (Isa 48:14,20-21; Deut 32:9-12; Deut 33:3,12)

**Homework/Challenge:**

1. Meditate for thirty minutes on what Jesus did for us on the cross.
2. Please read Matthew 28 in preparation for next week.

**Discipleship Tip:**

Consider having a cross, fire pit, scissors, etc., or some practical way for men/women to nail, burn, cut/tear up a piece of paper to signify them getting rid of their sins.

**Prayer:**

Pray for specific deliverance. Satan is commanded to loosen the victim and free him.

**Extras:**

*The Love of God* by Oswald Chambers  
*God's Love* by R.C. Sproul  
*The Love of God* by Martin Lloyd-Jones